GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5804
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BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people below poverty line in each State and Union Territory; and

(b) the steps taken to grant more to those State where there is more poverty in order to have uniform development through out the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): The Planning Commissionestimates percentage of persons living below the poverty line at national and state level from the large sample surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) Organisation atan interval of approximately five years. The latest available estimate of poverty is based on the 55th Round of the NSS consumer expenditure data covering the period July 1999 to June 2000. On the basis of the 30-day recall tabulation in the Key Results ofthe 55th Round large sample survey of Household Consumer Expenditure in Indiacarried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation, the number of persons living below the poverty line in the country is estimated as 260.25 million (26.1% of the total population) in 1999-2000. The estimates for the States and Union Territories are given in the Annexure.

(b): Central allocation of funds under the anti-poverty programmes are generally distributed among the States and Union Territories in proportion to the number of poor estimated by the Planning Commission from time to time.

Statement referred to in reply to part(a) of Lok Sabha unstarred Qn. No. 5804 for answer on 25-4-2001

Number and Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line by States - 1999-2000

(30-day Recall period)

		Rural		Urban		Combined	
No.	States/U.T.`s	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	% of Persons
1.	Andhra Pradesh	58.13	11.05	60.88	26.63	119.01	15.77
2.	Arunachal Prad	3.80	40.04	0.18	7.47	3.98	33.47
3.	Assam	92.17	40.04	2.38	7.47	94.55	36.09
4.	Bihar	376.51	44.30	49.13	32.91	425.64	42.60
5.	Goa	0.11	1.35	0.59	7.52	0.70	4.40
6.	Gujarat	39.80	13.17	28.09	15.59	67.89	14.07
7	Haryana	11.94	8.27	5.39	9.99	17.34	8.74

8. Himachal Prad 4.84 7.94 0.29 4.63 5.12 7.63

9. Jammu & Kashmir 2.97 3.97 0.49 1.98 3.46 3.48
10. Karnataka 59.91 17.38 44.49 25.25 104.40 20.04
11. Kerala 20.97 9.38 20.07 20.27 41.04 12.72
12. Madhya Pradesh 217.32 37.06 81.22 38.44 298.54 37.43
13. Maharashtra 125.12 23.72 102.87 26.81 227.99 25.02
14. Manipur 6.53 40.04 0.66 7.47 7.19 28.54
15. Meghalaya 7.89 40.04 0.34 7.47 8.23 33.87
16. Mizoram 1.40 40.04 0.45 7.47 1.85 19.47
17. Nagaland 5.21 40.04 0.28 7.47 5.49 32.67
18. Orissa 143.69 48.01 25.40 42.83 169.09 47.15
19. Punjab 10.20 6.35 4.29 5.75 14.49 6.16
20. Rajasthan 55.06 13.74 26.78 19.85 81.83 15.28
21. Sikkim 2.00 40.04 0.04 7.47 2.05 36.55
22. Tamil Nadu 80.51 20.55 49.97 22.11 130.48 21.12
23. Tripura 12.53 40.04 0.49 7.47 13.02 34.44
24. Uttar Pradesh 412.01 31.22 117.88 30.89 529.89 31.15
25. West Bengal 180.11 31.85 33.38 14.86 213.49 27.02
26. A & N Island 0.58 20.55 0.24 22.11 0.82 20.99
27. Chandigarh 0.06 5.75 0.45 5.75 0.51 5.75
28. D & N Haveli 0.30 17.57 0.03 13.52 0.33 17.14
29. Daman & Diu 0.01 1.35 0.05 7.52 0.06 4.44
30. Delhi 0.07 0.40 11.42 9.42 11.49 8.23
31. Lakshadweep 0.03 9.38 0.08 20.27 0.11 15.60
32. Pondicherry 0.64 20.55 1.77 22.11 2.41 21.67

All India 1932.43 27.09 670.07 23.62 2602.50 26.10

Notes:

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh,Meghalaya, Mizoram,Manipur,Nagaland and Tripura.

2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.

3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.

5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.

6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

9. Urban Poverty Ratio of Rajasthan may be treated as tentative.